



MEMORANDUM

To: CMAP Board

From: CMAP Staff

Date: February 1, 2012

Re: Additional Grant Award to Local Technical Assistance (LTA) Project

The overall philosophy of the Local Technical Assistance (LTA) program is to identify projects that are priorities, and then use a variety of methods to accomplish them, including staff assistance as well as grants. Many projects are currently receiving staff assistance, but others can be effectively accomplished through grants instead. The Board approved grants to several communities at its October 2011 meeting, including McHenry County, the Village of Elburn, and the Village of New Lenox.

Staff has identified one additional project within the LTA program which is a good candidate for grant funding, involving a community-wide bicycle plan in the Village of Fox Lake. Staff is recommending an individual grant to this community for Board consideration at an amount of \$75,000.

This funding was initially allocated for contracts related to the LTA program in the FY 12 budget. The expenditure of these funds for the original contract purpose has become unnecessary, and staff recommends that they instead be used to accomplish this LTA project.

The Board is asked to consider approving grants to the Village of Fox Lake to contract with a consulting firm (or firms) to undertake the bicycle plan. This grant will replace the staff assistance previously committed through the LTA program, allowing these staff resources to be directed to another community at a later point.

ACTION REQUESTED: Consider approving grant to the Village of Fox Lake

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